

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Von DEYN et al. ) Group Art: 1626  
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Serial No. Continuation of ) Examiner Gerstl  
09/091,300 )  
Filed: June 16, 1998 )  
Issue Fee Paid: December 12, 2000 )

For: 3-(HETEROCYCLYL-SUBSTITUTED BENZOYL DERIVATIVES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of this continuation application, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 24 and amend the claims as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

The claims in the case are claims 1-23. Claims 1-23 were not prosecuted in the parent application. The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency. No new matter has been added.

Entry of the above amendment is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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